

Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2018

Live Births increased in July as 6,434 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,397 born one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July both increased slightly. For January-July, births increased by 1.3 percent from 41,781 to 42,315.

Deaths decreased in July as 4,791 Missourians died compared with 4,928 in July 2017. However, deaths increased for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, there were 37,480 Missouri resident deaths or 2.9 percent more than the 36,429 for the similar time period in 2017.

The **Natural Increase** in July for Missourians was 1,643 (6,434 births minus 4,791 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For the 12 months

ending with July, the natural increase declined 12.4 percent from 12,146 in 2017 to 10,634.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below. For the 12 months ending with July, marriages decreased by 5.9 percent from 41,121 to 38,715.

Dissolutions of Marriage increased in July, but decreased for the cumulative 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, dissolutions decreased from 11,281 to 10,864. For the 12 months ending with July, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased slightly from 2.09 to 2.06.

Infant Deaths totaled 34 in July, same number as in July of 2017. For the 12 months ending with July, the infant death rate decreased from 6.2 to 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>July</u>				<u>Jan. — July Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with July</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Live Births	6,397	6,434	12.3	12.4	41,781	42,315	11.8	11.9	73,463	73,551	12.3	12.0	12.0
Deaths	4,928	4,791	9.5	9.2	36,429	37,480	10.3	10.5	61,317	62,917	9.7	10.0	10.3
Natural increase	1,469	1,643	2.8	3.2	5,352	4,835	1.5	1.4	12,146	10,634	2.5	2.0	1.7
Marriages	3,867	3,088	7.4	5.9	21,963	20,362	6.2	5.7	41,121	38,715	6.8	6.7	6.3
Dissolutions	1,487	1,564	2.9	3.0	11,281	10,864	3.2	3.1	19,689	18,770	3.2	3.2	3.1
Infant deaths	34	34	5.3	5.3	270	251	6.5	5.9	458	437	6.8	6.2	5.9
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,114	6,130	....	....	6,114	6,130	....	....	6,084	6,105	6,123

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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